Council of Four Decides Subject Is Amply Provided For in Compact.

TEXT OF NOTES ISSUED

Three Latest Requests for Changes Referred to Subordinate Missions.

Pants, May 15.—The three latest notes sent the ailied and associated Powers by the German peace delegation were referred to-day to the Peace Conference commissions on economic reparations and German frontiers.

The Council of Four has declined to consider the note from Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, chief of the German peace mission, relative to international

peace mission, relative to international

bor legislation. In a note sent to the German delegato-day, M. Clemenceau, president of Peace Conference, says that the al-and associated governments are "of opinion that their decisions give satins opinion that their decisions give sat-isfaction to the anxiety which the Ger-man delegate professes for social justice, and insure the realization of reforms which the working classes have more than ever a right to expect after the cruel trial to which the world has been subjected during the last five years." subjected during the last five years."

Clemenceau's Reply to Note. The text of the reply sent by M Clemenceau to the German note fol-

"May 14, 1919. "Sm-I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 10 in regard to international labor legislation. together with a draft of an international eement on labor law. The reply of allied and associated governments

"They take note of the declaration made by the German delegates that do-

tions of peace provides a means by which such adjustments can be made lays down the principles which will pro-gressively guide the labor organization and the League of Nations. Article 427 "(Signed) indicates clearly that the enumeration of the principles set forth is not exhaustive. The purpose of the labor or-ganization is that it should promote the constant development of the international labor regime.

at Bern, which are reproduced in the draft of the international agreement on labor law referred to in the first para-graph of your letter of the 16th inst., had already been studied with the closest attention. Representatives of the trade unions had taken part in the preparation of the articles relating to labor.

a appears, moreover, from the annex
o Section II. of Part XIII., page 220. programme of the first session of International Labor Conference to held at Washington next October be held at Washington next October comprises the most important of the union privileges; the right of combinations raised at the syndical confertion; social insurance; the eight hour of slege in Leipsic and occupied the application of slege in Leipsic and occupied the clipping occupied the clipping occupied the clipping occupied the clipping of the competent authorities in the coun-

tries represented. in indu agreement on labor law, prepared by the German Government, is deficient in that if makes no provision for the repre-sentation of labor at the international conference which is proposed. It is also inferior to the provisions submitted in Part XIII. of the peace conditions in

following respects: "(A) Five years is suggested as a maximum interval between conferences. (Article VII). The peace conditions

one year (Article 389).

"(B) Each country has one vote.
(Article VII). The peace conditions give a vote to each delegate, whether representing a government, employers or workers. (Article 390). "(C) Resolutions are only binding if

carried by a majority of four-fifths of the voting countries. (Article VII). The peace conditions provide that a majority of two-thirds only of the votes cast shall be necessary on the final vote for the adoption of a recommendation or the draft of a convention by the conference.

(Article 405).
"The Allied and Associated Governments are, therefore, of the opinion that their decision give satisfaction to the anxiety which the German delegate pro-



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fees for social justice, and insure the realization of reforms which the working classes have more than ever a right to expect after the cruel trial to which the world has been subjected during the last five years. G. CLEMENCEAU."

Text of the German Note. The text of the German note which was forwarded on May 10 by Count won Brockdorff-Rantzau follows:

"VERSAILLES, May 10, 1919.

and 56 of the proposals for the estab-lishment of a League of Nations submitted by us, we beg herewith to trans-mit the draft of an international agree-ment on labor law, prepared by the German Government.

"The German Government is of one mind with the Allied and Associated Governments in holding that the greatest attention must be given to labor questions. Domestic peace and the ad-vancement of mankind depend vitally on vancement of mankind depend vitally on the adjustment of this question. The demands for social justice repeatedly raised in this respect by the working classes of all nations are only partly realised in principle in Section XIII. of the draft of peace conditions of the Allied and Associated Governments on the organization of labor. The sublime demands have, for the most part, been demands have, for the most part, been realized in Germany with the assistance of the working classes, as is generally acknowledged, in an exemplary man-ner. In order to carry them into execu-tion everywhere in the interests of man-kind, the acceptance of the programme of the German delegation is at least of the German delegation is at leas necessary. We deem it requisite that all States should join in the agreement, even though not belonging to the League of Nation.

"In order to guarantee to the working classes, for whom the proposed im-

ing classes, for whom the proposed improvements are intended, cooperation in the framing of these provisions, the German delegation is of the opinion that representatives of the National Trade Union organizations of all the contracting Powers should be summoned to a conference at Versailles to discuss and take decision on international labor law before the peace negotiations are terminated. are terminated.

"The proceedings of this conference should, in the opinion of the German delegation, be based on the resolutions of the International Trade Union Conference in Bern, February 5 to 9, 1919, and the programme for international labor legislation, addressed to the Peace. mestic peace and the advancement of mankind depend upon the adjustment of the labor question and they are constituted that such adjustment will be rendered easier in the future than in the past, as men's minds are freed from the fear of war, and industry is relieved of the burden of armaments which German militarism had imposed upon it.

"Part XIII. of the draft of the conditions of peace provides a mean by Evance Greece Holland, Italy, Canada, against the "englaying terms." The hemia, Bulgaria, Denmark, Germany, France, Greece, Holland, Italy, Canada, Norway, Austria, Sweden, Switzerland,

"(Signed) BROCKDORFF-RANTZAU."

The international agreement on labor law prepared by the German Govern-ment, referred to in the note of Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, was prepared in the German Ministry of Labor some months ago and first published on May "It has not been thought necessary to proposition for an international organisummon a labor conference at Versallics.

The conclusions of a syndical conference at Bern, which are reproduced in the direct of the laterature. one vote, and a four-fifths majority would be necessary before any resolu-tions would be binding upon its mem-bers. A commission charsed with the technical oversight of the decrees of this conference is the only place where labor for in the terms of the Allies.

The definite terms proposed at present issue and called the attention of the include: Freedom of immigration and the right of immigrants to hold trade the fact that it had declared to the fact that the fact t conclusions subject only to the assent the competent authorities in the country and of workers in dangerous

> BERLIN, May 14 .- Count von *Brocktext of the three notes he sent to Prmier Clemenceau, pointed out that the peace treaty in its present form could not be accepted and could not be signed because it was impossible to fulfil its terms.
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> Despatches from Versailles reporting
> the Count's action add that he told the German delegation that it would sign nothing it was not intended to fulfil. The delegation, he continued, would endeavor

to improve the treaty and make its sign-

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clothes.

THE GERMANS' CRY

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terms "as drafted" will not be ac "The German peace delegation to His Excellency, the President of the Peace Conference:
"Sin: With reference to Articles 55 hind this determination, as it developed, the National Assembly stood almost unanimous. At the same time Herr Scheidemann announced that the Government had endeavored to achieve the goal of peace through

negotiations. His declaration that the results of these negotiations were "unacceptable" was the climax of a carefully prepared speech. It was the signal for an outburst of cheers and a demonstration of something like real enthusiasm, which for a few moments recalled the scene I witnessed in the Reichstag on August 4, 1914, when the then Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg made his first war address.

Slowly all in the assembly rose to the three galleries followed, while picture was heightened by the white, shouts of "Bravo!" and demonstrations of handclapping swept the ber. house. Scheldemann succeeded in evoking one genuine outburst of emotion during the long five hour session when he characterized the terms of endurable and unacceptable."

This was the dominant triple note of criticism sounded by the Assembly, but was always qualified by a reference to "conditions as now drafted." speeches upheld the keynote sounded

Socialists Stand a Surprise.

ing of the party leaders Sunday Moltke and Falkenhayn was Noske against the "enslaving terms." The publication nevertheless called for the the Speaker's desk was a large mural section II. of this part of the draft Spain and Hungary.

down the principles which will pro
"Accept, Sir, the assurance of my signing of the treaty in the hope that painting of the philosopher Fichte an uprising of the proletariat in other teaching the German people. countries might help bring about a revision.

It was expected that Herr Haase he cleverly sidestepped the vital issue, sponsibility of making peace. His argument was:

"You helped start, conduct and pro long the war. Now accept the responsibility also for making peace."

This challenge he hurled repeatedly

Assembly gave the impression of a peace terms were accepted. Scheidedetermination not to accept the mann reached his climax when he depeace terms in their present form if supported by the country in anything would not wither in an attempt to dorff-Rantzau, the head of the German peace delegation, in communicating to the other members of the delegation the Therefore a test between the advomany by the Allies. like the same degree of unanimity. sign the peace terms handed to Ger cates of peace based on partial re- That persistent reports of Scheide-

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influenced by the picture of "industrial slavery" which is being held be-

sembly was convened in the new University of Berlin, which was formerly the royal library. The Reichstag tenancy of soldiers since last No-

The meeting of the Assembly on such an important issue evoked little interest on the part of the public compared with what a similar situation might effect at home. Only a fringe of curiosity seekers collected in front of the building and a detachment of police and a small detail of Noske troops had nothing to do. The Assembly convened in the room where the former Kaiser often listened to American exchange professors.

The members appeared all attired in black, and with whole rows of bald pates glistening against the dark background gave an almost grotesque effect, as viewed from the gallery where the correspondents sat. The their feet. Spectators and auditors in sombre and funereal character of the gray and brown pillars in the cham-

The members of the Assembly could not shut out from their minds the brilliant picture some of them had witnessed on August 4, 1914—the the peace treaty as "unfulfillable, un- opening chapter of the war-when the Kalser, surrounded by his Generals, Admirals and statesmen in dazzling uniforms, with glittering decorations and waving plumes, opened the first war session of the Reichstag in The leaders of the six parties in their the marble hall of the Imperial Palace two blocks away.

This was the beginning of the closing chapter and it began like a funeral for Germany. Instead of the The surprise of the session was the stalwart Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the then Chancellor, brilliant in the uniform of a General of the Imperial German Army, was the typesetter Schelde mann. In place of the war chiefs the woodworker, civilian commander of the new Germany's troops. Above

Recalls the Old Glory.

Prof. Kahl, welcoming the Assen would voice this resolution. Instead bly in the name of the rector of the university, called attention to the fact "The labor convention has been inserted in the treaty of peace, and Germany will, therefore, he called upon to sign it. In the future the rights of your country to participate in the labor or ten issued by the syndical conference at ganization will be secured, so soon as the is admitted into the League of Nahe is admitted into the League of Nahe is admitted into the League of the international labor legislation, a runber of which were incorporated in the international labor charges the first staken up agreed that the terms were impossible, unendurable and unacceptable, but argued that as his was the only party that had protested against the start, against its conduct and prolongation, which other parties that in the same hall representatives but argued that as his was the only party that had protested against the start, against its conduct and prolongation, which other parties that in the same hall representatives but argued that as his was the only party that had protested against the start, against its conduct and prolongation, which other parties that in the same hall representatives but argued that as his was the only party that had protested against the start, against its conduct and prolongation, which other parties that in the same hall representatives but argued that as his was the only party that had protested against the start, against its conduct and prolongation, which other parties that in the same hall representatives but argued that as his was the only party that had protested against the start, against its conduct and prolongation, which other parties and protested against the start agreed that the terms were important that in the same hall representatives but argued that as his was the only party that had protested against the start agreed that the terms were important to the terms were incorporated that the terms were important to the terms were important did not, the Independent Socialists sity of Berlin and had paid tribute therefore declined to accept the re- to the German people, the German spirit and German teachings.

Chancellor Scheldemann then be gan his address, speaking in a dramatic tone and in the manner of a German Shakespearlan actor. He was impressive and effective and would have any direct representation at the three parties forming the Government, and corresponds, with lesser powers, to the international labor office arranged or internati go interjecting party politics into the dramatically picked up a bound copy "This book must not become the

A study of the deliberation of the picture of the future Germany if the

vision of the existing terms or, no just how far he would commit him-immediate peace at all seems to be self are not without some basis is mevitable.

Seen in the fact that this declaration was eliminated by heavy blue pencilent Socialist ranks and the failure of ing from the typewritten copies given the Radicals to go on record in the Assembly for a peace at any price, mind or influence, were brought in as was expected, are attributed to again. It is a fact that the Democratic

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show itself firm for the rejection of the present draft of the treaty. This

speakers of the other parties, including the Santa Clauslike Groeber for the Centrists and Hausmann for the Dem-Building is still unsanitary from the ocrats, took up the refrain "unfulfil-Still others voiced a protest against the disposition of Danzig and Silesia, against the "Polish yoke" and the treatment of the Saar Valley, against

defections within the party's own and Centrist Ministers are said to as speaking slightingly and deprecatrenks, largely from the labor element, have threatened to retire from the ingly of German institutions and influenced by the picture of "indus." Government if the Cabinet did not learning, the press has been reprinting extracts from the President's writings where in numerous places he eulogise

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tesy.

No developments are looked for until the Germans complete the working out velledly annexed France."

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